

1261-1264

183rd Pope URBAN IV
Troyes, France. Instituted
Feast of Corpus Christi.

AD1261

Greek empire restored in Constantinople

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Michael VIII PALAEOLOGUS captures
Constantinople, restoring Greek and
ending Latin Empire.

Urban IV Pope.

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1912 Dates J-BK

MICHAEL VIII was Byzantine Emperor

1261-1453

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The Byzantine empire was
restored by the PALAEOLOGI.

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(1234-1282) Michael PALAEOLOGUS

or Michael VIII

The first of the PALAEOLOGI. He was the ruler of Nicaea and when, in 1261, his general took Constantinople from Balduin II, Michael ruled with him as joint emperor. He caused his colleague to be dethroned and blinded. His efforts to unite the Eastern & Western churches met with No success.

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Crusades

The Later empire was
destroyed by MICHAEL PALAEOLOGUS
of the NICOAEN empire.

Constantinople fell to Emperor
MICHAEL VIII.

Venice retained possession
of most of the Greek isles, the
duchy of Athens passed under
CATALAN rule and ACHAEA stayed
in the hands of VILLEHARDOVIN
family until 1278

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(1228-1261) BALDWIN II

Seventh Latin emperor of Constantinople (1228 - 1261). The son of Pierre de Courtenay and nephew of Baldwin I. His reign was disastrous. He spent much of his time in the West seeking aid for his capital. He sold to St. Louis of France some of the most sacred relics of Constantinople. In 1261 his capital was taken by one of the generals of MICHAEL PALAEOLOGOS, ruler of NICAEA, and Baldwin II fled to Italy.

He was the last of the Later Emperors and
was succeeded by the Nicæan Emperors.

The Byzantines reconquered
Constantinople and most of
Greece.

The net result of this warfare
between Greek / Latin; between
Christian East / Christian West, was
a profound and enduring hostility
Cooperation against the common modern
enemy was heretofore impossible

The Byzantine Empire was irrevocably
weakened by the temporary Latin conquests.

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Eastern Empire

Emperor MICHAEL PALAEOLOGUS
reverses Constantinople.